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Sir:

In response to the written restriction requirement dated April 2, 2008, the applicants hereby elect to prosecute the Group I claims, *i.e.* claims 1-7 and 12-15, drawn to a method of assessing whether a test sample activates the intestinal tract immune system, comprising contacting a test sample with a cell expressing an intestinal tract tissue-expressed Toll-like receptor (TRL) and measuring signal transduction activity of said receptor.